

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Ilan SHALEV  
Serial Number: 10/509,348  
I.A. Filing Date: March 26, 2003  
Title: VASCULAR COUPLING DEVICE  
Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned  
Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

Mail Stop Amendment  
Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Further to receipt of a Corrected International Preliminary Examination Report mailed on November 3, 2004 in the international application, kindly amend the application as follows prior to examination: